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 **BADMINTON**  
**Oceania**

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### **Front Cover Photograph**

2011 Pacific Games Men's Singles Medalists

Gold Medal  
Silver Medal  
Bronze Medal

Marc-Antoine Desaymoz (New Cal)  
Arnaud Franzi (New Cal)  
William Jannic (New Cal)

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# Office Bearers

## Executive Board

Nigel Skelt	New Zealand (President)
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Karawa Areieta	Kiribati
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## Office Staff

Corinne Barnard	Chief Operating Officer
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Geraldine Brown	BWF Women in Badminton Committee
Peter Cocker	BWF Technical Officials Commission
Rob Denton	BWF Umpire Assessor

## Life Members

Heather Robson
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# Committees

## **Technical Officials**

Peter Cocker (Australia) (Chair)  
Yogen Bhatnagar (Australia)  
Lynne Nixey (New Zealand)  
Rob Denton (New Zealand)

## **Events**

Ian Williamson (New Zealand)  
Julie Carrel (New Zealand)  
Kristine Thomas (Australia)  
Corinne Barnard (Oceania)

## **Players Advisory Group**

Glenn Warfe (Australia) (Chair)  
Andra Whiteside (Fiji)  
Donna Haliday (New Zealand)

## **Women in Badminton**

Geraldine Brown (Australia) (Chair)  
Violet Williams (Fiji)  
Denise Alexander (New Zealand)  
Ashleigh Marshall (Australia)  
Rhonda Cator (Australia)  
Corinne Barnard (Oceania)  
Nadia Bleaken (Oceania)

## **International Junior Events Seeding Panel**

Stuart Brehaut (Australia)  
Barry Stevens (New Zealand)  
Corinne Barnard (Oceania)



# Presidents Report

Without doubt 2011 was in many ways a very “challenging” if not character building year for the Oceania region, with the worldwide economic instability, ensuring that all aspects of our operation were put under intense financial pressure.

Clearly however the staging of the Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji was a major highlight, with the standard of play across all of the participating countries increasing dramatically from previous championships.

A special thanks to the organizing committees that put in many tireless hours prior to and throughout the tournament to make it a fantastic success

It has always been the Oceania boards desire to take the championship to the island nations and although there may be some additional costs involved the grass root promotion and development of our game benefits greatly from these opportunities.

We must continue to pour our human resources into increasing our membership and developing the game at all levels of participation.

The organization faces many challenges with the cost of travel being our major hurdle to overcome for both our development offices and our competitive players to gain exposure in the international arena.

## Strategic plan

The terminology “Plan your work” and “work your plan” is a well used one, however we are now at a point where we must focus on the next four years and find “new pathways forward” to ensure that the Oceania region remains not only a very vibrant organization but can develop and nurture future international champions.

We must look closely at the BWF Initiatives and model some of our goals and aspirations alongside so that as an organization we are moving towards not only controlling our own destiny but in the long term we create a self sustaining financial operational model.

## BWF Initiatives

Without doubt it was an extremely busy year for the Badminton World Federation with the main focus being on the new initiatives of the development team and the launching of two extremely exciting new programmes.

The Shuttle Time project has been eagerly awaited by the continents and after a great deal of research and technical input a world class teaching tool has been produced.

Feedback from those who attended the BWF/Oceania shuttle time course in Queenstown New Zealand has been extremely positive.

Clearly the resource is very user friendly, and being able to be accessed through the website is already proving a major hit with coaches, educators and all badminton enthusiasts.

The coach education resource has also received very positive feedback and will ensure that all of the continents have a universal and global resource to work from.

The BWF have made projects there major financial commitment by the way of special project funding in the immediate future for the continents, hence we must fully support

these projects to ensure the Oceania region is working alongside the BWF and gaining the maximum financial reward in doing so.

The BWF is also working through its strategic plan and again it is timely that our region is also about to embark on a new strategic direction and plan.

### **BWF Council Meeting – Queenstown NZ**

As you are all aware the full BWF Council met in Queenstown NZ from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. The very large group stayed at the Hilton and Kawarau Hotels which was opened earlier this year. The Conference facilities were World Class and along with the outstanding weather and beautiful scenery, council members, wife's,



partners and friends had every opportunity to explore an experience some of New Zealand's iconic traditions and culture. The hospitality included a visit to a Vineyard, a Kiwiana Night, Million dollar Launch trip of the lake, and a visit on a traditional steam boat to Walters Peak for an evening meal on the final night.

Some Council Members amongst a very busy work schedule also managed to fit in the traditional bungy jump, helicopter rides, jet boat rides and even a round of golf at Millbrook.

A special thanks to Corinne, Nadia, Paul Westbury (Sport Southland) and Ian (Badminton Enthusiast) and my Stadium Southland staff Lucy, Rachel and Lilly all who made a huge contribution to making the conference a wonderful success.

### **Staffing**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks to our staff.

Corinne continues to be a tower of strength as our chief operating officer, her very wide networking skills have been a huge asset to the organization along with her very close working relationship with Stuart Borrie and Ian at the BWF office.

Corinne fully understands the clear difference between the governance and management roles within our organization and I have really appreciated her ability to make the day to day things 'simply happen' at all levels of development within our organization.

Nadia Bleaken in her role as development officer has also continued to thrive and has brought fantastic energy and drive in her role.

Nadia's commitment to the two new BWF development programmes has been outstanding and I believe with increased resources Nadia will be able to make an even greater impact.

Corinne and Nadia's travelling development conference in Kuala Lumpur was also extremely worthwhile and the BWF relationships that have been formed have been very beneficial to our organisations.

**Nigel Skelt**  
President



# Chief Operating Officers Report

The beginning of the year started with an office move, with Badminton New Zealand moving from Wellington to Hamilton it meant that our Oceania office had to look for new premises. We were lucky to find shared office space in the same building on the same floor and share with another sporting organisation. January meant moving office furniture, boxes and files into the new premises. I would like to take a moment to thank Badminton New Zealand in particular Nicki Martin, for her support and contribution of office equipment. The move also allowed us to review our internal access to files and another kind donation from a colleague in our building allowed us to set up a small server with remote access, which now allows staff to access all the data files anywhere in the world remotely.



2011 showed that we are now in a firm position to be able to hold an Oceania Championships annually with either a senior or junior championships. This year was the turn of the Oceania Junior Championships. Badminton Fiji hosted the event supported by Li-Ning. A fantastic event in an enviable location for others as the under 19 players from Tahiti, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Australia all descended on Suva, Fiji in late February. During the event other training opportunities were organised, which included an event managers course, a sports management course, the opportunity for the national development officers to get together, a coaches meeting, drug education session for players delivered by Oceania Region Anti Doping Organisation (ORADO) and an umpires course ( level 1 and level 3). More details can be found in Nadia's report.



The event manager's course is the second we have held but the sports management course (MISO) was a first. The MISO course was facilitated by Sainimili Talatoka and Brian Minikin (ONOC/OSEP) We had great support with 13 people registering for the course from Tonga, Australia, Tahiti, NZ, Kiribati, Fiji and Guam.

## Men

Sione Vainikolo (Tonga)

Glenn Warfe (Australia)

Leo Cucuel (Tahiti )

Karawa Areieta (Kiribati)

Thana Arikrishnan (NZ)

Gen Imai (GNOC)

Rota Onoria (KNOC)

## Women

Ashleigh Marshall (Australia)

Buaua Mamara (Kiribati)

Lynda Halverson (NZ)

Manuel Vahaakola (NZ)

Nadia Bleaken (Oceania  
RDM)

Radhika Prasad (FASANOC)

It was a great week of Badminton and the small band of Fijian volunteers in Suva did a fabulous job organising the event under the reins of our event director Julie Carrel. Julie Carrel was overall in charge and worked tirelessly the whole week with the volunteers, hosts and officials to ensure a world-class event was delivered. Our thanks to her for a very professional delivery. To Badminton Fiji committee members and volunteers who helped line judge, cooked food and got involved in some way to make the event a success, our thanks for making the event a memorable one for the players.

## Key Partners



Badminton Oceania continues to forge partnerships with key organisations in the Oceania region and the essential element is to attend the annual Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania and Oceania National Olympic Committee meetings. This year it was held in Noumea, New Caledonia. Nadia our Regional

Development Manager and I both attended.

Meetings were held with many organisations but more importantly National Olympic Committees and these meetings enabled us to forge new relationships with countries where no badminton is being played. Through this we gained two new members during the year Guam and New Caledonia.

The 2011 Pacific Games was hosted in New Caledonia so was a chance to meet the Badminton sport directors Fabien, Dario and Mathieu and visit the Badminton venue in Noumea.

Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) continue to be our principal sponsors and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.

## New Initiatives

Clearly there were two huge initiatives that were launched during the year the BWF Shuttletime programme and the Level 1 course.

Shuttle Time is a schools programme, it has a range of resources which have been developed to help teachers learn the 'how-to' teach badminton to children and youth.

The main training resources with the programme are:

- Teachers' Manual (10 Modules)
- 22 Lesson Plans in 4 Packages
- 92 Instructional Video Clips

The Coach Level 1 course and resources provide coaches with the fundamental knowledge and skills to coach badminton:

- WHAT to coach (technical / physical / tactical elements);
- HOW to coach (coaching principles / coaching styles / coaching methodology / planning / evaluation).

Both these programmes have been made available and are free to download online from the BWF website <http://bwfshuttletime.com/>





Another new initiative during the year found two players Glenn Warfe (Australia) and Michelle Chan (New Zealand) as Ambassadors for Solibad in our region. The primary objective of SOLIBAD is to raise funds within the global community of badminton, with the help of both amateur and professional players, and to donate the money raised to various local projects, some of which are badminton related, and that have been chosen carefully for their sustainability.

In other areas we welcomed two new Board members at the Annual General Meeting in Fiji in February, Murray Weatherston (NZ) and Karawa Areieta (Kiribati).

## Equipment

We changed our focus during the year for countries to apply for equipment grants that either focused on school development or club development. Each packaged contained different quality and quantities of racquets, shuttles and nets. Not every country applies for the equipment grant annually and the remaining equipment each year is then re-allocated on a needs basis.

This will change in the coming years with the change in focus from the BWF to just two areas Schools Badminton and Coach Education. Schools Badminton equipment will only be available to those countries engaged in the BWF Shuttletime programme.



## Officials

The Technical Officials have had a very busy year again. Peter, our Technical Officials chair has covered off extensively in his report many aspects of their activities but I would like to make special mention of the small group of umpires, referees and line judges that give up their holidays and often pay for themselves to travel the world to attend events. They are so passionate, thank you for giving freely of your time.

Congratulations to; Trish Gubb (NZ) who passed her BWF Accredited Level Umpire, Lynne Nixey (NZ) who passed her BWF Accredited Level Referee, Jane Wheatley (Aus) who passed her BWF Certificated Referee, Justin Zuo (NZ) who passed his Oceania Accredited Level Umpire and Jean-Philippe Berges (New Caledonia) who passed his Pacific Level 3 Umpire.



*Pictured: Jean- Philippe Berges*



Thank you to BWF Certificated Umpire, Greg Vellacott (Aus) who retired from the international circuit and also Darryl Baty (NZ) Oceania Certificated Referee, who announced his retirement in 2011.

*Pictured: Darryl Baty*



## Events

The start of the year we held the Oceania Junior Championships which is mentioned early in the report. Australia not only maintained their Grand Prix status but increased it to Gold status. That was a feather in the cap for Badminton Australia and a real boost to the sport in the Oceania area. The elevation to a Grand Prix Gold tournament helped to attract the strongest badminton field ever assembled in Melbourne, Australia. Olympic players and world top 10 ranked players competed for US \$120,000 prize money. Next year the event is moving to Darling Harbour Events Centre in Sydney.



As mentioned in last year's report, funding of tournaments does present some concern and this impacted on the proposed Tahiti International which was to have been held during April. Also, the New Zealand International was originally scheduled to be a Grand Prix event, but had to be downgraded to International Challenge. Four other Oceania circuit tournaments were held during the year

Fiji Future Series  
Li-Ning Sunlight Altona International Series  
Counties Manukau International  
Li-Ning NZ International Challenge

During September the quadrennial Pacific Games competition (formerly South Pacific Games) was held in Noumea. We had the minimum six country entry with the hosts New Caledonia, Fiji, Tahiti and new players from Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu. It was refereed ably by our BWF Referee, Jane Wheatley from Perth, Australia.



The event was held in a completely new venue built especially for the Pacific Games. It was with great sadness that after the Pacific Games we shared sad news from Tuvalu. Ms Teuteuga Fasai, who represented Tuvalu in the Pacific Games, passed away from head injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident when she returned home. I know many were very lucky to have the opportunity to meet Teuteuga in Noumea at the Pacific Games.

The introduction of the first ever Badminton World Junior Ranking List, with the testing period for the system began in January 2011. All member associations will have the possibility of including an International Junior Tournament on the world ranking list. Oceania gained sanction for the Oceania Junior Championships, Australian Junior International and New Zealand Junior International to carry World Ranking points in the new system. Tournaments will carry different weightings of ranking points depending of the strength of the tournament and the region in which it is played. Weightings will be based on the points levels used in the current senior World Rankings.

The World Junior Ranking will comprise of each player's best five results from both Junior Tournaments and Individual Tournaments in the BWF World Ranking list, although a maximum of two BWF World Ranking List tournaments will contribute to the BWF World Junior Ranking.

I think it is a positive step forward for the sport, and once the new system is through the testing period, it will be used to more accurately rank players at major junior events

such as the World Junior Championships, Youth Olympic Games and Continental Championships.

An event in the planning stages is the Micronesian Cup an event for players in the Micronesian region; Guam, Saipan and Palau. All three countries are in discussions and hopefully an annual event will start in 2012.

### **Roadshow**

The Roadshow was a huge success again this year, the BWF fully supporting this special project financially. Nadia visited Papua New Guinea the hosts of the next Pacific Games in 2015. Assisting Papua New Guinea to become members was a high priority for us during the year as they have the second largest population behind Australia. The aim of the Roadshow is to take the game into countries not playing and promoting it to the community with the aim of helping the locals set up a club or committee to establish the game. Nadia will cover more detail off in her report.

### **Badminton World Federation**

We continue to work very closely with the BWF and in particular Development Manager Ian Wright, Operations Manager Stuart Borrie, and Development Chair David Cabello. I think the familiar communication is paying dividends and we are seeing real progress made in our region with key world programs being developed particularly in schools and with coaches.

The Confederations meet once a year. In 2011 it was in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during October. The meetings with other Continental Confederations, is key to building relationships, sharing knowledge and investigating synergies. This workshop discussed coach education, the schools project, BWF questionnaire results and Parabadminton.

I also attended the BWF AGM during the Sudirman Cup in May where Cedric Baxter [pictured] (Australia) was honoured with the Herbert Scheele Award in Qingdao, China.



As Nigel has already commented in his Presidents report we hosted for the second time a full BWF Council meeting in the Oceania region. The first time was in Auckland when Ian Palmer was the IBF President and hosted in Auckland. This time the full council met in Queenstown, New Zealand from December 4th to 9th. The outstanding weather, beautiful scenery and great organisation by Nigel and his team of 'angels' made sure all the council members, wife's, partners and friends had every opportunity to explore an experience some of New Zealand's iconic traditions and culture whilst staying in Queenstown.



## **Challenges**

The awful economic climate and exchange rates hit us significantly this year and made for a very “challenging” financial year, with the worldwide economic instability, increase in general costs like air travel ensured that all aspects of our operation were put under intense financial pressure.

Travel in the region continues to be a challenge with fluctuating costs and a decrease in the number of airlines travelling into and out of the region makes for a monopoly in some areas and no choices for travel.

## **Looking forward**

Looking forward we are hosting the Thomas Cup, Uber Cup Oceania Zone and Oceania Championships in Ballarat, Australia early in 2012 which will now sit separately from the junior event and continue to be held every two years. We are yet to be officially informed but it seems the Thomas and Uber Cup format will be changing in the near future which will affect our region significantly and make it near impossible for any of the Oceania countries to compete for the Thomas or Uber Cup.

It is timely that our region is also about to embark on a new strategic direction and plan but with always a limit to income streams we have to consolidate and focus on what our priorities are for the next four years.

Without doubt the two major focuses for us in the coming years will be the BWF programmes; Shuttletime and coach education.

Finally as we close the year our plans are in full swing for our upcoming 25 year celebration of Oceania Badminton Confederation (1987 - 2012). Plans are for a special celebration and a historical book looking back over the past 25 years of badminton in the region.

## **Thanks**

My personal thanks to Nadia Bleaken, Bob Lindberg, Nigel Skelt, Geraldine Brown, Julie Carrel, Ian Williamson and Peter Cocker.

Also to the key people I deal with in my role, thank you very much for your contribution and passion, the Technical Officials Committee, the Events Committee, Players Group and the Women in Badminton group. David Turner our auditor. The Executive Board members. To our partners, Badminton World Federation and Oceania National Olympic Committee we would not be able to do the work without you, a huge thank you.

## **Corinne Barnard**

Chief Operating Officer





# Development Managers Report

2011 has been a productive year for badminton development within Oceania with some key events and very exciting new programs taking place to assist the growth of badminton in our region:

## Oceania Junior Championships

Fiji Badminton Association hosted the inaugural Oceania Junior Championships in Suva in February. With a team as well as individual competition it now gives more of our young players the opportunity to gain a higher level of match play and learn from their experience. Six teams from New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Tahiti took part in the team event, and athletes from New Caledonia joined for the individual competition. It was fantastic to see players gain confidence and improve their game during the week.

Badminton Oceania used this opportunity to host several workshops over the course of the week, and I was involved with the following:

- Pacific Umpires Course delivered by Peter Cocker – A two day theory course and practical assessment during the tournament
- Events Course delivered by Julie Carrel – Two half days of training offered to our National Badminton Development Officers (NBDO) from Tonga and Tahiti
- Drug education session delivered by Oceania Region Anti Doping Organisation (ORADO) – informative session for all players
- Management in Sporting Organisations Course (MiSO) delivered by Oceania Sport Education Program (OSEP) – Five day course, intensive practical course covering all facets of sports management
- Coaches Meeting arranged to begin communication and mentoring between coaches, sharing ideas and knowledge



## ONOC/OSFO Annual meetings

Corinne and I attended the Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania and Oceania National Olympic Committee Assembly held in Noumea, New Caledonia in March

- Various presentations and workshops, from Sport Education to Pacific Games
- Opportunity to meet with Development Officers in other sports, particularly racquet sports (Table Tennis only sport with all 24 Oceania nations as members)

- Key contacts made with National Olympic Committees – opportunity for discussion with our member countries as well as ‘selling’ badminton to potential members – this year provided good contact with Papua New Guinea, which would lead on to our Roadshow
- Badminton trade show stall very popular, court set up and gained real interest from many countries, equipment sent to American Samoa and Cook Islands
- Took opportunity to meet with New Caledonia Badminton League

### **Development Visits**

Visits to our Member Associations, especially our developing Pacific nations are vital in building relationships and communication. It also gives clarity on the current situation, the opportunity to discuss needs, build knowledge, promote our sport, and create plans for future possibilities.

During the year there has been very positive progress with the BWF ‘Shuttle Time’ Schools Project that has been designed with the aim of enabling every child around the world to have the chance to play badminton. During the year Shuttle Time has been trialed in Oceania with very positive feedback and much success particularly in our developing nations.

### **Tonga**

A successful March visit thanks to fantastic hospitality shown by Tonga Badminton President Leody Vainikolo, and National Badminton Development Officer Sione Vainikolo. Positive progress was made building key relationships to assist TNBA. Highlights include:

- Very positive meetings with National Olympic Committee (TASANOC); Ministry of Youth, Sport and Training; Ministry of Education, Women’s Affairs and Culture; and Curriculum Development Unit (CDU)
- Badminton included TASANOC Sports Development Officer Programme to include NBDO in regular school visits alongside other sports
- Visited 6 schools, 200+ children – outdoor test of Shuttle Time lessons
- CDU Movement and Fitness Coordinator observed introductory Shuttle Time lessons at Tonga High School. Badminton introduced to 2012 school curriculum
- TASANOC Secretary General assisting with Olympic Solidarity funding
- Attended and assisted with TNBA trainings and tournament at Atele Stadium
- TV interview, item on evening news to promote badminton



### **BWF Shuttle Time School Project - Oceania Pilot**

Positive communication, good structure and collaboration between TNBA and TASANOC and Government support through the Ministry of Education and Curriculum

Development Unit led Tonga to be chosen as the Oceania Pilot for BWF's Shuttle Time School Project. The CDU confirmed Badminton would be included in new school curriculum beginning 2012, which gives the potential to introduce badminton to 15,000 children in 80+ primary and secondary schools.

In September I returned to deliver Shuttle Time teacher training to 11 teachers from 5 schools so they could trial the new curriculum and give feedback prior to the official roll-out in 2012. A Project Coordinator was identified and along with NBDO attended BWF Shuttle Time tutor training in New Zealand in December. A larger scale of teacher training is scheduled early 2012 to enable implementation throughout Tongan schools.

### **Northern Marianas**

NMBA have a highly active Board leading a very enthusiastic badminton community in Saipan. Regular sponsored tournaments are well organised and supported, and take place at their recently extended and renovated facilities TSL Sports Complex. I had scheduled a visit to coincide with their proposed hosting of a Micronesia Cup Tournament, however due to financial constraints potential visiting teams could not attend and the event was postponed. Absolutely amazing hospitality thanks to NMBA President Jerry Tan, Secretary Merlie Tolentino and many coaches, players and tour guides, highlights of my visit included:

- Attended finals of local IT&E singles and doubles tournament and prize giving
- Delivered 5 day Summer Youth Clinic with 100+ participants ranging from 4 to 18yrs old, fantastic assistance from 7 returnee coaches from last year's coaching clinic, wrapped up with NMBA's first ever youth tournament
- Delivered Basic Umpires course with 30+ participants
- Met with NMBA discussed youth development and coach education as priorities
- Met with Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) – bid 2017 Pacific Mini Games
- Badminton promoted by NMBA's involvement in Saipan July 4 parade and fantastic regular publicity in Saipan Tribune Newspaper



### **Guam**

Guam National Badminton Federation has made very rapid progress since our initial 'Roadshow' visit in October 2011; it is fantastic to see local activities and tournaments gaining traction. Unfortunately a glitch in the BWF constitution regarding political status meant GNBFB were unable to become a Member Association of the BWF until alterations are made. Badminton Oceania has continued to provide support and assistance so GNBFB to develop badminton and look forward to their officially joining the



badminton community in May 2012. Great hospitality and organisation from GNBFF President Sandra Low during my stay, highlights included:

- Met with GNBFF discussed development for youth, clubs and competition
- Delivered badminton sessions at several Summer Holiday Camps
- Introductory visits to potential new clubs and venues on the island
- Attended several nights of play at St Paul, Yigo
- Met with GNOC Secretary General Bob Steffy

### **Roadshow - Papua New Guinea**

Papua New Guinea is the second largest country in the Oceania Region with a population of over 6 million people. With close links to Asia and hosting the next Pacific Games in 2015 it was a no brainer to prioritise our Roadshow visit in 2011 and find out what potential the sport has in this country. I was warmly hosted by members of the very supportive National Olympic Committee (PNGSFOC) especially Secretary General Auvita Rapilla, Sport Development Manager Andrew Lepani and Sport Program Officer Loretta Hasu who had arranged a busy schedule:

- Met with PNGSFOC and badminton enthusiasts to discuss current badminton situation and potential for growth
- Visit 2 clubs operating in Port Moresby, Murray Barracks and RH Malaysian
- Badminton played far more widely than first anticipated, in Port Moresby, Lae and Goroka, due to minimal facilities it is mainly outdoor/recreational
- Highly successful school visits to 4 local schools, 800 students introduced to the sport, very talented and learning quickly.
- Thanks to Andrew had excellent media coverage – slots on a weekly sports television programme and school visit covered on evening news, as well as airtime on a popular national Saturday morning radio show
- Interim committee formed to establish PNG National Federation



### **Pacific Games**

There was no doubt that the most anticipated event on the Oceania calendar in 2012 was the Pacific Games held in New Caledonia in September. The Pacific Games is a large multisport event held every 4 years for athletes of the 22 Pacific Island nations. The badminton tournament was held at the new Stadium Salle Anewy in Noumea. It involved both a team and individual competition with 34 athletes from 6 nations competing:

- Hosts New Caledonia made good use of the Oceania circuit events in their preparations with athletes competing at the Fiji International, Altona Future

Series and Counties Manukau International. Whilst in New Zealand additional training was arranged for Pacific players with team New Caledonia taking the opportunity to train under TJ Weistra at Waikato Badminton.

- Fiji utilised the services of Australian coach Brent Munday in their preparations for the Games. Brent spent 6 weeks in Suva training players through the Fiji International and returned to lead Team Fiji in Noumea.
- Tahiti was participating in Pacific Games Badminton for the first time and prior to competition also arranged high level coaching with a 2 week visit from Bay of Plenty resident English coach Tom Armstrong.
- Athletes from Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu also made their debut appearance, but only in individual competition as they did not bring the minimum number of players required to compete in the team event (5 match ties).
- The Badminton Tournament was extremely well hosted by the New Caledonia Badminton League. It was very professionally run in a fantastic venue, the large crowds were loud, positive and always supportive and encouraging creating an amazing atmosphere.
- After a very hard fought and nail-bitingly close win over Fiji in the third game of the fifth match in the final team tie, New Caledonian players went on to dominate the medal tally winning 12 medals to Fiji's 5.
- New nations Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu and Kiribati put up some fantastic performances, showing their natural athletic talent and huge potential if given future opportunity to compete, learn and develop their understanding of the game.
- We assisted developing players further in a number of ways:
  - Provided racquets and playing uniform for Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu
  - Provided shoes for Tuvaluan players who had no access to non-marking court shoes having never played indoors prior
  - Equipment requested and generously donated by New Zealand players at national tournament for Pacific players in need
  - Assisted with media – Radio Australia interviewed players from Tuvalu and Kiribati on their experiences around Pacific Games
  - Arranged informal plate play for athletes knocked out of individual competition to use time productively and provide additional match practice and positive experience for developing players



### **BWF Annual CC Development Workshops**

Corinne and I attended the BWF Continental Confederation Development workshops at the BWF offices in Kuala Lumpur. This annual meeting is a valuable opportunity to get

together with all BWF development partners in a team environment sharing information, ideas and experiences. Three days of meetings covering:

- BWF School Badminton Shuttle Time Project - exciting to see how much progress has been made on this fantastic innovative programme,
- BWF Coach Education Level 1 Project
- Effective and active Member Associations
- Player Development
- BWF Strategic Plan
- CC planning for 2012

### **BWF Council visit Oceania**

In December the BWF Council held their meetings in Queenstown, New Zealand. Oceania Badminton utilised this opportunity with BWF Development Manager Ian Wright in our region to host a couple of key development workshops:

- BWF Shuttle Time School Badminton Project
- Tutor training workshop – 2 day course with 15 participants from New Zealand, Australia, Tonga and Tokelau. Tutors learned philosophy behind programme and resources to teach the basic skills of the sport including lesson plans with intrinsic learning activities which ensure success for every child.
- 3 days practical delivery in local schools for tutors to gain experience and confidence with the programme. Introduced to 600+ children aged 5-15yrs with very positive feedback.
- Official Oceania launch with BWF President Dr Kang Young Joong, Council members and staff observing a Shuttle Time lesson in action
- Opportunities for our Oceania representatives to meet BWF delegates and put the Pacific members on the world map, discussing badminton in the region
- With Shuttle Time resources now online and freely available on the BWF website, it is truly available to all. Oceania has shown a strong interest in the program - Tonga is underway with delivery, Australia planning implementation, Tokelau using Shuttle Time to introduce badminton, and many more countries interested it looks to be a valuable tool for our growth.

### **Coach Education held in Auckland:**

- BWF Coach Education Level 1 Tutors Familiarisation – 1 day course to inform experienced participants about the new BWF Coach Education system
- Developing Young International Competitors – 2 day workshop with 30 participants covering an array of topics (planning, changes in the game, technical and tactical skills) devised to create discussion and sharing of knowledge enhancing coaching and improving performance in our young athletes.





## Summary and looking forward

Over the course of the year with the generous support of the BWF we again donated a considerable amount of equipment to our Member Associations. In 2012 our focus moves heavily towards the BWF Development priority Shuttle Time which will result in some changes to the distribution of equipment. However, by working in collaboration with the BWF and having their international support behind us we are open to some very exciting opportunities. We do also have our challenges and are looking to find better ways of sourcing equipment for our island nations and find solutions to the difficulties of travel around our large isolated geographic area.

The Shuttle Time Program will allow us to deliver a positive badminton experience to thousands of children, which can only grow more and better players for our region. Starting at the grassroots, however will be a long process and we will need to ensure that whilst creating a larger base of players and coaches we give opportunities to develop talent, as well as administrators, events and officials to create a sustainable pathway. Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games is an attainable goal to be working towards to show off our extraordinary Pacific talent!

Thank you so much to each and every person who has helped with the development of Badminton in Oceania over the last 12 months. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you in 2012.

Nadia Bleaken



# Technical Officials Committee

## Committee

Peter Cocker Australia (Chair)  
Lynne Nixey New Zealand  
Rob Denton New Zealand  
Yogen Bhatnagar Australia

## Events Attended By Oceania Officials

Lynne Nixey (NZ) Referee  
NZ International & Counties Manukau International

Gail Davison (Aus) Line Judge  
World Championships London

Kelly Hoare (Aus) Umpire  
Sudirman Cup China

Jane Wheatley (Aus) Referee  
Malaysian and China Super Series  
Australian GGP and Pacific Games

Trish Gubb (NZ) Umpire  
Sudirman Cup China

Susan Taylor (Aus) Umpire  
World Championships London  
Indonesian Super series

Kay Coady (Aus) Umpire  
Para-Badminton World Championships Guatemala

Darryl Baty (NZ) Referee  
Australian GGP  
Oceania Junior Championships Fiji

Ian Williamson (Aus / NZ) Referee  
Fiji International

Jean-Philippe Berges (NC) Umpire  
Oceania Junior Championships Fiji  
Whyte Trophy and Vic International Australia  
NZ and Counties Manukau Internationals



Richard Bramley (NZ) Umpire  
All England Super Series  
World Junior Championships Taipei

Greg Busch (NZ) Line Judge  
Sudirman Cup China  
Australian GGP

David Turner (Aus) Umpire  
Malaysian Super Series  
World Junior Championships Taipei

Greg Vellacott (Aus) Umpire  
Super Series Finals 2010 Taipei  
Hong Kong Super Series  
Super Series Finals 2011 China

#### Assessments

Trish Gubb (NZ) was assessed to BWF Accredited Level Umpire  
Lynne Nixey (NZ) was assessed to BWF Accredited Level Referee  
Jane Wheatley (Aus) was assessed to BWF Certificated Referee  
Justin Zuo (NZ) was assessed to Oceania Accredited Level Umpire

#### Technical Officials Numbers

BWF umpire numbers have remained steady in 2011 with the retirement from the International Panel of Greg Vellacott at the Super Series Finals in China. BOTOC thanks Greg for all his work at International level over many years, we also thank Darryl Baty who announced his retirement in 2011 for his referee work.

#### Current Numbers

##### Umpires

BWF Certificated 3  
BWF Accredited 3  
Oceania Certificated 4  
Oceania Accredited 5

##### Referees

BWF Certificated 1  
BWF Accredited 1  
Oceania Certificated 2

##### Line Judges

BWF 5  
Oceania Certificated 3  
Oceania Accredited 2



There is a push by BWF to get technical officials from developing badminton countries and Oceania is expected to progress this in its region. To this end BOTOC ran the first Pacific Level Umpire Course in Fiji in February with participants attending from Fiji,

Tonga, Tahiti, Kiribati and New Caledonia. We now have 13 level 1 Pacific umpires, we are looking to repeat this procedure in 2013 and Oceania Junior Championships in Tahiti and hope to get another group of new level 1 umpires and also to progress some of current level 1 to level 2.

There is also a push from BWF to get umpires from outside Australia and New Zealand onto the International panel so in the next few years there will be opportunities for Pacific umpires to reach the highest level if they have the will and commitment to achieve this, BOTO C will do all it can to help them reach their goals.

My thanks to those who have helped BOTO C over the last twelve months, especially Corinne in the office for her work and support of the committee, Nadia for her help with the umpire's course in Fiji and Lynne from Badminton New Zealand Technical Officials Committee and the Badminton Australia Technical Officials Committee for their help and support.

Finally BOTO C needs representation from the Islands if we are to fully function on a region wide basis; this is especially important now that we have introduced the Pacific umpire course. Please give this your consideration and action. In the ideal world we need to have TOC's on all the Islands.



Peter Cocker  
Chair BOTO C



# Women in Badminton Group

The vision of the above group is “To Create opportunities for women in Oceania to be involved at all levels of badminton”.

To this end we proposed a course to educate and qualify five women umpires for Oceania during 2011. Women candidates were targeted through Oceania members to attend the course, scheduled during the Oceania Junior Championships, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2011, in Fiji. Fourteen people from five countries participated. Peter Cocker (Chair of Oceania Court Officials Committee) conducted and assessed the course and all qualified, five of which were women.

An IOC sports management course was also scheduled for the same time frame and, of the 13 candidates 5 women participated from Australia, Kiribati and New Zealand. The participants gained firsthand knowledge of running events from Julie Carrel (N.Z. events manager) and gained insight into being involved with a large international event, a first time, and hands on experience for many.

Another of our aims for the year was to establish information regarding women in Oceania and to develop policies which enable full participation of women in badminton.

We now have a comprehensive list of women contacts from around the region, thanks largely to the work of Nadia Bleaken our Regional Development Manager. Seventeen countries, of the twenty eight identified, have women actively involved in administration of their organisation. This includes six Presidents (Australia, Guam, Nauru, Norfolk Island, Tonga, Tuvalu), and one Chair (New Zealand). Badminton Australia also boasts that 4 of its 8 State members currently have women Presidents. Badminton in Oceania continues to demonstrate the strong involvement of women, and I am confident this tradition will not only grow but strengthen.

Congratulations to Sandra Low (Guam) and Marissa Cook (Nauru), who were selected from 78 applicants to participate in the International Executive Training Course in Sport Management MEMOS programme, co-ordinated by Olympic Solidarity. Candidates' projects are assessed and revised according to work responsibilities within their organisation.

The MEMOS brief is to help those working in national or international sports bodies to develop the knowledge required to better manage their organisations.

Badminton Australia has during this year, been working with its members and Government Agencies to deliver the sport to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD). Some of these programmes have been targeted specifically at women and girls. Badminton Victoria has had success with Vietnamese women, while Queensland and Western Australia are working with groups of teenage girls.

The BWF scheduled their meeting in Queenstown (N.Z) in December 2011, which coincided with the launch of the “Shuttle Time” tutor training. All members were invited to provide delegates to the course delivered by Ian Wright from BWF. Australia, New Zealand and Tokelau supported women attendees to the seminar who will now deliver the programme in their home countries.



COO Corinne Barnard attended the BWF Women in Sport group which also met while in Queenstown. She outlined the future plans for the region – plans for promotions at the Uber Cup preliminaries in February 2012, and support for the Asia Pacific World Sport and Women's Conference to be held in October, 2012.

We will continue to work towards further involvement of women in the Oceania region, investigate age related issues, encourage players' participation throughout the region and identify barriers confronting women's development. Needs based projects will then be delivered in the future, as and where appropriate.

Geraldine Brown  
Chair 2011





# Events Committee

In 2011, the Oceania Circuit comprised five events with the highlight being the up-grading of the Australian Open to Grand Prix Gold status.

The events were:-

Li-Ning New Zealand International Challenge	30 March – 3 April
Yonex Australian Open Grand Prix Gold	5 – 10 April
Fiji International – Future Series	6 – 8 May
Li-Ning Sunlight Altona - International Series	9 – 12 June
Counties Manukau International – Future Series	16 – 19 June

In addition to those events, the Li-Ning Oceania Junior Championships were held in Suva over 21 – 26 February. This event was held in the new slot of alternate years to the Oceania Championships.

The first junior international in the Oceania region was held at Ballarat over the period 13 – 15 May. A total of 89 players from Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia entered the event. Australian competitors took out the Women's Doubles at the event, but the stand-out competitor was Singapore's Terry Hee who went through the tournament undefeated winning the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

In early September, the quadrennial Pacific Games competition (formerly South Pacific Games) was held at Noumea. Whilst only three countries (Fiji, New Caledonia and Tahiti) participated in the team event – won by New Caledonia in a tightly contested final – there were entries from six countries in the individual events. Players from new nations – Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu – competed alongside players from the more established countries - Fiji, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

It was encouraging to hear that players from these new countries showed significant improvement over the period of the competition. The event was held in a completely new venue built especially for the Pacific Games. The building of this venue took into account the specific requirements of badminton and will replace the old multi-sport venues used in the past for international events in Noumea.



As mentioned in last year's report, funding of tournaments does present some concern and this impacted on the proposed Tahiti International which was to have been held during April but was cancelled due to timing of funding availability. Also, the New Zealand International was originally scheduled to be a Grand Prix event, but was downgraded to International Challenge level due to lack of funding. This was an unfortunate introduction to the first sponsorship by Li-Ning of a badminton event in Oceania. Despite the downgrading, the event attracted 184 players from 23 countries with many being from the Asian region.

With the BWF push to increase prize money for tournaments there will continue to be pressure on organisers to provide a meaningful Oceania circuit.

The Counties-Manukau event at Level 4 Future Series status attracted 64 player entries from 8 countries with the largest contingent being from New Caledonia whose players attended as part of their Pacific Games preparation.

The Fiji International (also Level 4 Future Series) held at Suva in May attracted 43 final entries from 8 countries with players from Iran, Italy and USA in addition to entrants from within the Oceania area. Whilst this was a relatively small tournament, play was of a very high standard.

On the positive side of the funding situation, was the up-grading of the Australian Open to Grand Prix Gold status. That was a feather in the cap for Australian badminton officials and a real boost to the sport in the Oceania area.

The elevation to a Grand Prix Gold Tournament helped to attract the strongest badminton field ever assembled in Australia. Olympic medallists, World Champions and world top 10 ranked players all made the trip to Melbourne to compete for the increased world ranking points and US \$120,000 prize money. Interest in the event was so large that the tournament organisers were forced to turn away players from the women's singles event. The International field included 276 competitors from Australia, Belgium, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Scotland, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, USA, and Vietnam.

For the first time the event included TV coverage with the semi finals and finals being broadcast into Asia and Europe by IMG.

The 2011 Li-Ning Sunlight Altona International involved an International field of 71 participants from Australia, Brazil, Iraq, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, and USA. Australian players Leanne Choo, Renuga Veeran, Ross Smith and Glenn Warfe were successful in winning the women's, men's and mixed doubles events. The men's singles was won by Yogendran Krishnan from Malaysia and the women's singles by Karyn Velez from Philippines.

The first stand-alone Oceania Junior Championships held in Suva attracted 6 teams (2 x Australia, 2 x New Zealand, Fiji and Tahiti) for the teams' event and 56 players for the individual events. New Caledonia did not enter a team, but 4 players participated in the individual events. As part of the opening ceremony, Fiji Badminton organised a traditional welcome ceremony which was enjoyed by all participants.



There are far more junior events than ever before and whilst in previous years both Australia and New Zealand have held junior internationals this year New Zealand had to cancel their event due to a lack of international entries, highlighting the need at this stage to look at alternative options to attract larger fields.



Another development was the introduction of the World Junior Ranking system. This was phased in during the year and the first ranking list was published for the week-ending 12 January 2012.

As part of the increasing efforts to ease entry processes, BWF introduced an on-line entry system which eliminated significant paperwork and reduced the opportunity for errors and omissions to occur. This process was initially applied to tournaments at Level 1-3 and will be implemented across the board during 2012. An adjunct to the on-line entry system was the introduction of player profiles which are accessible to tournament organisers seeking player details for promotional purposes.

Because of many regulation changes and amendments, the Events Committee carried out a thorough review of the Oceania Circuit regulations and aligned them with the new BWF regulations where appropriate. This will be a continuing exercise, for it seems we will be faced with amendments being issued by BWF following their annual December meetings.

During the year, many hours of voluntary time were invested by event hosts, event directors, tournament committees, technical officials and volunteers. Without such input, none of the tournaments could have been held. Our thanks to all those who contributed to the successes achieved during 2011.

Ian Williamson, Kristine Thomas & Julie Carrel





# Players Advisory Group

## Members

Glenn Warfe – Chair (Australia), Donna Cranston (New Zealand)  
Andra Whiteside (Fiji)

## 2011 Overview

Following on from 2010, the inaugural year of the players group, 2011 again saw many of the same challenges. It was great to see the initiation of one the group's recommendation with to first Oceania Junior Championships Team event being held in 2011 in Fiji. As with anytime there is an event held for the first time there were several positives and negatives involved. One of the major tasks of the PAG was to gain an insight into these positives and negatives from an Athletes point of view. Amongst many of the positives we found was a majority of players, particularly those that passed through the opening rounds found the schedule to be too tough, with too many matches back to back. Those players that did not progress through the opening rounds were happy with the plate events giving them more opportunity to play matches against stronger players. In addition to this all players were very happy with the availability of physio services at the venue.

## Towards 2012

In the coming year we will see another installment of the Oceania Championships and Thomas/Uber Cup Regional Qualifiers in Ballarat, as well as the usual Oceania Circuit events. Potential issues that we see moving forward is the hectic schedule that is placed on our junior players, with many of them competing across more than one age group. This is something that we will need to keep an eye on to ensure our juniors have the right balance of competition, training and of course schooling.

## Ways to improve in the future

As always we need to continue to make sure that players are aware of the PAG and ways that we can help them. This extends not only to their problems and grievances they may have, but also to the positives they see. This responsibility falls not only on the PAG but also Oceania and all the national association, coaches and administrators.

Prepared By Glenn Warfe – Group Chair



# Member Association Reports

## Badminton Australia

2011 was full of excitement and challenges. The areas occupying major focus were:

- participating in the 2011 Sudirman Cup; and the start of preparations for the 2012 Olympics.
- On going liaison with the Australian Sports Commission including the implementation of new programs for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.
- first year implementation of our 2010-2014 Strategic Plan.
- securing major new sponsors for the Australian Open Grand Prix and High Performance and National Events.
- liaison and dialogue with Destination NSW around securing a long term future in Sydney for the Australian Open.
- refining the high performance pathway.
- undertaking a range of reviews including By Laws, website, national insurance, rankings and national data base.
- new initiatives in the Coach Education area.
- the capacity to provide assistance to host national events as a result of new sponsorship support.
- endeavouring to build the profile of badminton

### High Performance --- Senior and Junior

It is important to recognise:

- the regaining of the Whyte Trophy from New Zealand for the first time since 1995.
- excellent performances at the 2011 Sudirman Cup.
- winning the Pan Pacs Under 19 Event.
- excellent performances by NTID girls in a range of Events.
- improved international rankings for Glenn Warfe/Ross Smith in Men's Doubles and Renuga Veeran/Leanne Choo in Women's Doubles.
- the commitment of national players.



## Federal Government Liaison

The most significant challenge facing badminton is to achieve greater recognition and funding from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). There was progress in this area in the past year with increased funding under DAS as a result of better team results and for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. That funding is greatly appreciated and is targeted at increasing badminton numbers.

Multicultural sports such as ours are a part of Australia's changing cultural mix and hopefully this will be better recognised in the years ahead.

Badminton is achieving better results, continues to reach greater self help targets, is steadily growing our Membership base, but more progress is still needed.

## The Board

The Board met on five occasions, conducted three teleconferences and was represented at all Badminton Australia Events. The issues covered by the Board were varied with a focus on policy, governance, planning and financial issues. The close links between the Board, the CEO and staff continues to work to the betterment of the sport. It is worth remembering that the Board is now fully independent and not representative of any one Member or faction. As such, its role can be independently proactive both nationally and internationally to ensure our sport continues to grow and achieve. The Board continues to drive initiatives, face change, seek new opportunities and determine policy for the sport overall. In this regard, 2011 has been a very good year.

## National Office

The many challenges of a small office remain but it is important that office numbers be kept at minimum levels. There were changes during the year with Diana Bound leaving us with our best wishes to take up a new position – Diana was replaced by Daphne Doukas who settled in quickly and is now a major contributor. Donna Millington (Finance) continues to guide wisely all our financial issues; Glenn Warfe and Stuart Brehaut (National Junior Coach) continue to develop the Junior area, Ashleigh Marshall, based in Brisbane, continued her effective contribution, and Lasse Bundgaard, ably supported by Ricky Yu in particular, was able to build our High Performance and NTID programs further. Kristine Thomas continued her excellent part time work on Event issues, especially the Grand Prix Gold Event, and Rudy Bartholomeusz role has been expanded to incorporate co-ordination of the CALD Program and he has reacted positively to the new challenges. He assumed responsibility for all Oceania liaison and development programs from 1 July, 2011.

## Members

Co-operation and two way communication remain the key and in both regards progress has been good. Badminton Australia's Operational Business Plan 2010-2014 was signed off by Members in 2010 and remains the framework within which we operate. To achieve growth in numbers (which is the fundamental challenge at the grassroots



level) BA is dependent on proactivity at the State/Territory level. In some States, BA was able to assist through the CALD Program funded by the ASC, and growth targets will be a key determinant of the long term success of that program. BA will continue to work with the Members on the long overdue updating of the By Laws; review of the BA Constitution; implementation of an effective National data base; reassessment of the National Insurance Scheme; refinements to the National Ranking Scheme; and implementation of more effective talent programs at the State/Territory level.

#### Budget Year 2010 – 2011

There was significant growth in both income and expenditure in 2010/11, growth which will be even greater in 2012. The BA budget exceeded the \$1M figure adding challenges for management control and administration. Income falls into the following main areas:-

Grants	\$576,500
Affiliation Fees	\$109,455
Events	\$195,728
Sponsorship	\$157,600

The major areas of growth were sponsorship related to support for the Australian Open Grand Prix; significant new sponsorship arrangement with Li Ning Incorporated, the positive impact which will be even greater in 2011/12; and the allocation of additional funds from the ASC for a program in the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) space.

BA efficiently managed all financial commitments and finished with a small profit at year end.



#### Partnership and Stakeholder Relationships

BA could not function without the support from our funding partners.

Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The funding received from the ASC underpins most of what BA is able to undertake and the significant four (4) year commitment by the ASC to our CALD Program has allowed new initiatives to occur around the country. The Australian Commonwealth Games (ACGA) was again a major supporter with funding leading to the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) continued its support and continues to recognize badminton as one of its important Olympic family members.

Yonex again supported the 2011 Australian Open Grand Prix. It is pleasing that Yonex is committed to ongoing support for the Event in 2012 and 2013.

Li Ning Inc. A significant partnership was entered into during 2010 with the Li Ning Company and it is the most significant corporate sponsorship ever achieved by Badminton Australia. The support from Li Ning in cash and kind provides support to the National Squad, senior and junior members and assistance for National Events around the country.

#### Affiliation Fees from Members

Fees were increased at the 2010 AGM and these fees continue to assist BA in its national and international efforts. An effective national office remains dependant on Members support. It is pleasing that BA is continuing to grow revenue from other sources which means less demands being placed on Members.

A major initiative with Destination NSW was finalised to transfer the Australian Grand Prix to Sydney from 2012 onwards.

#### Coach Education, Technical and Development Issues

The work undertaken by Rudy Bartholomeusz in the Coach Education and Development areas, and by Peter Cocker as the Chairman of ABCOC, is greatly appreciated. Efforts to grow the numbers of coaches and officials, and the challenges now placed on our shoulders with the CALD funding, increases pressures on us all to achieve.

#### Website/Social Media

BA continues to explore all avenues to better reach the badminton community and Social Media, especially for younger followers, is an area being addressed.

BA is currently revisiting both the Badminton Australia website and the Grand Prix website and changes will occur soon.

#### Events

BA remains very active in the Event space. The excellent work by Board Member Loke Poh Wong, the support from Kristine Thomas and the support of Peter Roberts and Badminton Victoria, has seen the profile of the Yonex Australian Open Grand Prix lift significantly.

National Events, the Australian Junior International, the Pan Pacs and Whyte Trophy, two Grand Prix Events in the financial year, and Li Ning Sunlight Altona International all added to an extremely busy Event Calendar.

#### International Issues

BA remains an effective contributor at the Oceania and BWF level. Geraldine Brown is the Vice President of Oceania and Loke Poh Wong a Member of the Oceania Executive. BA will host, with the support of the Ballarat Association, the Thomas and Uber Cup qualifications and the Oceania Championships in February, 2012. With the Oceania Board we will continue to strive to convince the BWF of the significance of Oceania as a growing and developing Confederation.

## General Issues

During the year BA was represented at meetings of the BWF, Oceania, AOC, ACGA and various workshop and seminars organised by the ASC. We appreciated the ongoing support of RMIT in the High Performance space, continue to utilise the services of ASADA for drug screening, undertook regular reporting to the ASC to meet all funding obligations and continued to lobby for better support for our players – and this will continue. A lot of time and effort has gone into future Event strategy, especially with Destination NSW and the new CALD Program funding has been challenging and time consuming.

## Future Challenges

Our collective focus needs to continue to be:

- growth in coach numbers
- growth in the number of officials
- building on the improvements in performance of players with medal targets set for 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games
- expansion of the membership base and review of membership categories
- review and update the 2010-2014 Operational and Business Plan
- implementation of an effective National Data base
- building the National Ranking Scheme to the point where national rankings become the sole determinant of rankings at national events
- increasing the size and significance of the Australian Open Grand Prix and continuing to work co-operatively with Members on positive initiatives to expand the size and reach of badminton



Paul Brettell  
Chief Executive

# Tonga Badminton Association

TNBA Main Activities, Events and Accomplishments for 2011.

Development Visit to Tonga in March 2011 of Ms Nadia Bleaken, the new Badminton Oceania Regional Development Manager.

Her 9 days visit includes visits to 5 schools where badminton sports were introduced earlier and visit to Atele Indoor Stadium where regular badminton games, training and coaching is held. Nadia conducted short trainings and coaching during these visits. It was also an opportunity for Nadia to see and observe the on-going badminton local open tournament during her visit at Atele Indoor Stadium. Nadia also had meetings with key people (Sec Gen, Takitoa Taumoepeau - TASNOC, CDU, Minister and CEO of MEWAC, and other key officials for the "Shuttle Time" School Project of the Badminton World Federation (BWF). These meetings were instrumental in the selection of Tonga as the selected pilot country in the Oceania Region and one of the first 5 School Pilot Projects from the 5 major continents in the world. The project will be funded mainly by BWF and will be implemented by Badminton Oceania, in collaboration with Curriculum Unit of the Ministry of Education, Women Affairs and Culture, TASNOC and TNBA.



TNBA held the second local open tournament in March 2011

The main purpose of this competition was to select the potential candidate for the Pacific Games in New Caledonia. The original intention was to select 4-6 potential athletes to include female athletes for the PG2011 but due to financial constraint, only two male

athletes were selected.

Selection of the Kingdom of Tonga for the BWF "Shuttle Time" School Project to represent the Oceania Region.

This project will be launched at the beginning of school year 2012 (late January or early February 2012).

Inclusion of Badminton in the Government Primary and Secondary School Curriculum as an additional sport for the "Movement and Fitness" Program of the Ministry of Education, Women Affairs and Culture (MEWAC).





The first “Training of Teachers” for the Shuttle Time School Project was conducted by the Regional Development Officer, Ms Nadia Bleaken, on 14 – 15 September 2011, held at TASNOC Office in Havelu, Tonga. This is in preparation for the implementation of the Shuttle Time School Project at the beginning of the school year in 2012. A total of 9 participants representing various schools who will become part of the pilot schools, attended the training. A total of 11 Primary Schools and 8 Secondary Schools in Tongatapu is planned for the implementation of the Shuttle Time School Project for a start.



Distribution of tools and equipment for pilot schools (1 package per school, package = 30 racquets, 10 dozen nylon shuttlecocks, 3 regular nets, 2 portable nets + lines, 1 racquet bag. – distributed to pilot schools.

Selection of Shuttle Time Project Coordinator from CDU, Mr. Sifa Malolo. He will be responsible in coordinating the Project. Together with Mrs. Pilimilose Feke of CDU and Sifa, Badminton was made possible to be included in the school curriculum under their Movement and Fitness Program. Teaching materials which include video clips and lesson plans were provided by Badminton Oceania and BWF.



Trainer/Tutor Workshop, New Zealand, 1-12 December 2011. The Project Coordinator, Mr. Sifa Malolo (CDU), and NBDO, Mr. Sione Vainikolo (TNBA) had an opportunity to attend the above workshop with funding from Badminton Oceania. The above workshop were in 2 parts, the first part was a 2 –day tutors training course followed by visits to 5 primary schools in Queenstown, NZ for delivery and practice of lessons learned.

The second part was a 2-day coaching seminar in Auckland. The focus of this coaching seminar is on “Developing Young International Competitors”.

Training for the National Badminton Development Officer (NBDO), Sione Vainikolo. The NBDO had an opportunity to attend a 5-day course on “Management in Sporting Organization”, held on 18-25 February 2011 in Suva, Fiji. This is a regional badminton program with 14 participants from the region. Since the 2 –day Umpiring Course is also done at the same time (at night session), the NBDO had also an opportunity to attend the session and was accredited with Level 1 Umpire Certification. Badminton Athletes for the Pacific Games 2011, held in New Caledonia on 27 August – 10 September 2011. TNBA was able to send 2 male athletes (Sione Vainikolo and Metuisela Vainikolo). This is the first time that Tonga had Badminton representation in the PG.



No medal won by the team but great opportunity for the team to get exposure, experience and see the opportunity for greater development of Badminton in Tonga, and hopefully take it up to a higher level and standard.

#### The NBDO Activities.

The NBDO, Sione Vainikolo, continued to play an important role in the development of Badminton in Tonga with his school visits and regular Saturday events. Separate report from NBDO has been submitted to Badminton Oceania and TNBA.



TNBA also participated on activities organized by TASANOC such as the commemoration of the Olympic Day in June 2011 as well display of Badminton posters, tools and equipment during the visit of the IOC President to Tonga in October 2011.

#### Acknowledgements

TNBA would like to acknowledge the continuing support and collaboration with TASANOC in the overall development of Badminton in Tonga so far which includes the support provided in the participation to the PG 2011, the forthcoming 'Shuttle Time' School Project and its facilitation for Olympic Solidarity Funding.

The strong and full support from Badminton Oceania is also acknowledged and without which, the level of Badminton development as well as future prospect of Badminton in Tonga will not be where it is now. TNBA received regular supplies of Tools and Equipment such as rackets, shuttlecocks and nets. Development trainings for NBDO, Project Coordinator and Tutors/Teacher's Training as well as development visit of Regional Development Manager, Ms. Nadia Bleaken, all are very much appreciated.



The strong support and collaboration with key CDU staff and the Ministry of Education, Women Affairs and Culture is very much appreciated as well and without which, Badminton Sports will not be in the Government Primary and Secondary School Curriculum and possibly missing out on the opportunity for Tonga to become the Pilot country for the Shuttle Time School Project.

The Ministry of Training and Employment, Youth and Sports (MOT EYS) is acknowledged and thanked for allowing TNBA to use the Atele Indoor Stadium as venue for our Badminton development in Tonga.

Special acknowledgement is given to the Association of Filipinos in Tonga (AFTI) for the continuing support to TNBA, particularly the fund raising made for the PG 2011. AFTI provided a significant financial contribution for the travel of the 2 PG Badminton athletes.



Thanks also goes to the private companies who also made contributions during our fundraising of 2011 (Office Equipment and Group Construction Ltd.)

Special thanks and appreciation also goes to all members and non-members of the Badminton Community/Clubs – who continued to come and play Badminton regularly at the Atele Indoor Stadium.

Special thanks also go to Sione Lauti, the Caretaker at Atele Indoor Stadium who is always available and present if the Stadium is needed.

**Leody Vainikolo**

President Tonga Badminton

## Tuvalu

In Tuvalu this year, we had only run one national tournament and most of the activities were just practices and trainings done on our outdoor court - during preparation for the Pacific games. Since then, there has been a long drought in Tuvalu and hardly any players played badminton as the court is too dusty and dry. then towards the end of the year one of female player and representative to the Pacific Games Ms Teuteuga Fasiai passed away in a road accident then until now not much activity and actions in our club.

I think that's about it from Tuvalu Badminton. We hope to be more active and get more people to be interested in Badminton.



Photo: Ms Teuteuga at the Pacific Games (in the middle)



# Tahiti

It's been 5 years that the federation here exists, grows and spreads our favourite sport in the middle of the south Pacific!!  
So much things done but the best is forward...

2011 was a very rich mini-Olympic year.  
Locally, Badminton is always growing up. The number of players is around 500.  
The practice is mainly represented in the island of Tahiti with 4 clubs but there are some players in Rurutu, Huahine and Moorea.  
Badminton is very popular but we suffer from the lack of good structures like indoor sports room or enclosed halls!  
It's clear that we need more infrastructure, but we work on it. We are lobbying to the government and politics.  
Hard to have good conditions but it seems that people are always enjoying « bad»!

Nevertheless all the competitors had the possibility to play not less than 10 tournaments last year, that is to say one per month. The hierarchy has a bit changed this year with the improvement of our young players like Antoine Beaubois, Léo Rossi or Rémi Rossi (16 years old) who is now the best player in Polynesia. Rémi has only lost 1 match in 2011 over 50 matches.

There is also a new wave of young women as Miriau Prununosa, Anaïs

Anton, Luz Walker or Nina Saucet who are now trusting the podium! We can notify that unfortunately 2 of our best girls are currently injured (Tehani and Ingrid).



The training of the « elite » was always assumed by Patrick Rossi every Tuesday with an intensification in July and August before the Pacific Games.

We had the honour to welcome 2 international trainers this year!

Fabien Jacob from France, a former National champion and French team trainer, who has spent 2 weeks in March with us and Tom Armstrong from England and NZ who came in August for a physical and technical program.

We want to thank them for their input and the professionalism they gave to us. Sure we have learned a lot.

A lot of input too for the youngest, 3 trainers (Léo Cucuel, National Development Manager, Rauhiri and Frédéric) from the biggest club of Tahiti, BUCPF, assured the training of the 8 to 18 years old. No fewer than 30 children ran after the shuttlecock... Furthermore, the agreement with the National School Association (USSP) has been signed this year. Badminton is officially present at primary and secondary school and children can participate to all of our tournaments.

It should be noted also that Léo Cucuel teaches now some lessons in different school in Tahiti since September. Congratulations for his project.



A page has been turned in the executive in 2011 with the departure of our President Bruno Granado who has left Tahiti for another ocean at La Réunion. So we are proud to announce the election of Heiana Taaroa who will animate the federation with her smile, her good state-of-mind and her tenacity for the development of Badminton.

In June, the FTBad took part of an international event, the SOLIBAD flash mob. As about fifty cities all around the world, about 30 of our players were reunited in a famous park in Papeete to make the choreography and show our support to this association.



More internationally, the calendar was rich with, firstly, the Oceania U19 in Suva (Fiji). It was the first Pacific event for our young players. We were glad to see victories of Tahiti versus Fiji or New-Caledonia and short scores against NZ players. Generally the Australian and New-Zealand teams are still above our level... it seems to change!

Secondly, the main event of 2011 was certainly the Pacific Games in Noumea (New-Caledonia). An extraordinary experience for our team and officials with the « Olympic » atmosphere in the village and the beautiful moments we shared with the 21 others heterogenic countries during 2 weeks. 6 countries were there for Badminton and we finished at the third place by team. Great performance for Rémi Rossi who reached the quarter final in a incredible tight game versus Y. Jannick, and Rauhiri Goguenheim with Léo Cucuel versus Desaymoz and Arras, the finalist, gave us an epic and emotional match. Hope in 2015 Badminton will be part of the Pacific Games in Papua New-Guinea.

2012 will also be an interesting year with many international events. Tahiti is preparing his 3rd International Tournament in April, one of the biggest in the Pacific. We will be proud to have you in our wonderful and sunny island...

Frédéric Ploteau  
General Secretary  
FTBad

# New Zealand

2011 will go down in Badminton New Zealand history as the year the National Office moved out of Wellington for the first time. The Head Office moved to Hamilton, and BNZ was able to reduce its rentals from three premises to only one. Unfortunately, long standing Secretary Bob Lindberg did not move with the office and he left the Federation after 17 years devoted service.

Changes to the BNZ Board took place during the start and end of 2011. Our first independent Board Member Michelle Hollands started her role at the start of 2011 and by the end of the year we welcomed our second independent Board member, Val Dorling. At the 2011 AGM there were significant changes to the make-up of the Board and a new President and Vice-President were voted on. We thanked and farewelled long standing Board members Murray Weatherston, Ian Willans, Lindsay Dalhberg, John Milne and Delwyn Cooper. We also welcomed new members Bevan Smith (President), Nigel Skelt (Vice President), Aaron Spence and Dan Shirley (Board Members).

BNZ welcomed new staff into the organisation with Natalie Westley stepping into the role as Federation Secretary. BNZ remains a small organisation with only two full time staff, and Corinne employed one day a week to work on Racqueteers. To support the staff, BNZ contracted TJ Weistra to lead out the development of High Performance, Julie Carrel to continue managing the BNZ Events portfolio and Nick Chambers to lead out the development of Coaching Development.

TJ and Nick have quickly hit the ground running and in 2011 we saw the introduction of a de-centralised National Squad and the consultation and development of the new High Performance Plan (for implementation in 2012). Nick has begun work on developing a more effective coaching development framework that aligns to SPARC models, and more importantly funding. 2012 will see the introduction of a new coaching framework that is a modular system that allows more choice and specialism for coaches rather than a one size fits all approach.

BNZ hosted the Li-Ning New Zealand International, a BWF Level 4 International Challenge, at the North Shore Events Centre. 184 players from 23 different countries attended the event and we were grateful to our volunteer army of over 120 who made this a fantastic spectacle of badminton.

Wellington Badminton hosted the June Bevan Carnival with 180 players and included an early morning ANZAC service for all participants. Over 3,000 players played in BNZ sanctioned events during the year with Associations providing some great events. 223 teams competed in Inter Association, which was 14 less than 2010.



I'd like to thank Julie for working so hard and tirelessly throughout 2011 supporting our Associations to deliver great events and for managing a great international event. I'd also like to thank Ray for his ongoing work and support of Inter Association.

Corinne has worked hard during 2011 on developing a schools based badminton programme called 'Racqueteers'. Five associations were successful in applying to be pilots for the programme and so Auckland, Wellington, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki and Manawatu began delivering Racqueteers. During 2011, almost 5,000 kids participated in Racqueteers. Corinne worked with Physical Education New Zealand (PENZ) to develop resources for classroom teachers that was easy to follow, supported badminton and also aligned with the education curriculum. Teachers now have a resource manual, Games Book and award scheme to help them deliver Racqueteers in schools.



Our technical officials had a great year with Trish Gubb qualifying as a BWF Accredited Umpire and Lynne Nixey attaining her BWF Accredited Referee qualification. In addition Justin Zuo became qualified as an Oceania Accredited Umpire and Dorothy Callister retained her Oceania Umpiring Certification. Our officials were selected to attend the following events:

Lynne Nixey – Referee Korea Open  
Trish Gubb – Umpire Sudirman Cup  
Richard Bramley – Umpire All England & World Junior Championships  
Greg Busch – Line Judge Sudirman Cup  
Darryl Batty – Referee Australian Open



Again, I'd like to thank Lynne Nixey for her work leading the Technical Officials on behalf of BNZ.

Our success on the international scene has been very mixed during 2011. The year started off well with the New Zealand Junior defeating Australia to win the Oceania Team event. Unfortunately, later in the year the team could not replicate that result



when they lost to Australia in the Pan Pacific Championships. A month later, New Zealand also lost its grasp on the Whyte Trophy after losing to Australia, the first time since 1995.

Without High Performance funding from SPARC, our top senior players are having to think 'outside the box' on how to further improve and develop on the world stage. BNZ entered into a great relationship with Danish Club Ikast, who have provided an opportunity during 2011 for three NZers to be based in Denmark and play for Ikast. Being based in Europe has allowed these players to also travel and play many European international events. Many of the top players have also headed overseas with players travelling to England, China and Malaysia. With BNZ needing to focus on a 'back to basics' approach with High Performance, the development of overseas relationships for our current top players is important.

2011 has been a year of consultation and development and establishing the building blocks for our game to grow, and start developing again in 2012. I have enjoyed working with the BNZ staff, contractors and volunteers and I look forward to a fruitful year in 2012.

Nicki Martin  
Chief Executive



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Oliver Leydon-Davis*

*Photo: Michelle Chan*



# Guam Badminton Federation



While the Federation experienced a few setbacks in 2011, we are optimistic that the general growth trend remains upward.

Nadia Bleaken, Development Manager, returned to Guam in July for another round of clinics. We were able to connect with the island's largest youth summer sports camp, the University of Guam's Adventure Camp, and conducted a series of clinics with their junior campers. In fact, so popular was Badminton, the camp director asked to borrow our equipment so that the campers can continue to play. Of course we obliged! We intend to follow up with the camp administrators to organize more badminton clinics in 2012 sessions.

Guam National Badminton Federation held its first Badminton tournament in November. Thanks to the initiative and determination of Board member Sunardi Li and Gym Manager, Bong Rojas, the event was deemed a success by all accounts. Not only did we receive great feedback from our members, but we also received great media coverage on the event. Prior to the tournament, Board member Sunardi Li and President Sandra Low went on a local sport radio program to promote the event. After the event, we were excited to see the tournament reported on the back cover of the local paper. That is a prime spot coveted by all sports organizations! The success of this tournament is a great incentive to repeat the event in 2012.



GNBF's membership status remains in limbo with BWF. It is our hope that the BWF board members will recognize that the current bylaws are in conflict with IOC's definition of what an IOC country is, and that our application will ultimately be accepted in 2012. In the meantime, we are grateful for Oceania Badminton's continued support with our development activities.

Looking ahead, the Federation will research alternate play venues, conduct membership drives, and engage school teachers to include Badminton in their physical education curriculum.

**Sandra Low**  
President

# New Caledonia

2011 has been such an amazing year for New Caledonia Badminton Association, for several reasons!

One of the first steps of the year was to get the status of associate membership in the BWF. This work was begun several years ago and March 25<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of receiving the validation of the FFBAD. This work was carried out with the support of the FFBAD (Fédération Française de Badminton), the CTOS (Comité Territorial Olympique et Sportif), and, of course, the OBC (Oceania Badminton Confederation). LBaNC (Ligue de Badminton de Nouvelle-Calédonie) would like to thank all these entities, without whom this would not have been possible. From now, New Caledonia badminton association will work closely with the OBC in development of this lovely sport.

The most important event of the year was the Pacific Games for Caledonian players. And since 4 years, they have trained hard to give their best for the big day, and also to get ready for the D day, they have participated to three international events around the Pacific in 2011 (Fiji Open, Altona International – Australia and Counties Manukau – New Zealand).



Around 40 volunteers were prepared for the event (referees, umpires, line judges, service judges, scorers and event directors). It was such a pleasure to work with professional people such as Jane Wheatley (referee) who is supposed to be one of the deputy referees for the Olympics or even Corinne Barnard who was a big help for the organization.

Everything was done well by the committee. It was an honor to have 6 different countries: Tahiti, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati's and New Caledonia). Oceania badminton has worked really well to get two new countries, without them this event would not have been.

Both tournaments were held during the 5 days of competition: a team and an individual event. New Caledonia badminton association won five gold medals out of six (the team event and four individuals). The women's single was won by the invincible Andra Whiteside (Fiji).

2011 Pacific games were won by:  
Men's Singles – Marc-Antoine DESAYMOZ (NCL)  
Men's Doubles – Fabien KADDOUR / Arnaud FRANZI(NCL)  
Women's Singles – Andra WHITESIDE (FIJ)  
Women's Doubles - Cécile KADDOUR / Johanna KOU (NCL)  
Mixed Doubles – William JANNIC / Cécile KADDOUR (NCL)

Thank you to everyone who worked for the organization of THE SPORTS event of the Pacific.

**Mathieu DUFERMON**

Ligue de Badminton de Nouvelle-Calédonie



Pictures: 2011 Pacific Games Officials





# Northern Marianas

Northern Marianas Badminton Association continues to grow year by year. 2011 was a great year full of special events for badminton in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Establishment of club system within our association was one of the major accomplishments of NMBA. The new club system allowed us to grow and welcome new players, which now brings the number of registered member to 47 youth and 131 adult or 105% higher than last year. Initially, we had 7 clubs namely; Taga BC, Shirley's BC, X'treme Pirates BC, United Knights BC, Berks Blazers BC, Golden Rackets BC and Saipan International BC.



NMBA successfully hosted four major tournaments in 2011, which allowed us to develop and improve the playing skills of our members to the highest level. First, the Tanholdings' Mixed-Doubles Competition held in March; Second, the IT&E Singles/Doubles in June; Third, Shirley's Badminton Classics in September; Fourth, Traders Insurance Team Tournament, our last event for 2011. These 4 events were greatly participated and fully supported by our corporate sponsors.



**Galvez**



**Ito**



In June, we welcomed Ms. Nadia Bleaken, Badminton Oceania's Regional Development Manager. Ms. Bleaken participated in the development of badminton in helping to organize tournaments and giving trainings to youth.



Summer 2011, NMBA organized a badminton clinic for youth ages 6 to 18. It was a big turnout badminton training as almost 100 kids participated in this three weeks clinic.

NMBA continues to be an effective contributor to the community. In 2011, we donated \$500 for disaster relief in Japan, participated in the 2011 Liberation Day parade and joined island-wide clean-up organized by different organizations in CNMI.

We are fortunate to have great and dedicated volunteers in badminton, without their hard work and support none of the above would have been accomplished.

**Merlie Tolentino**  
Secretary General



# Tournament Results

## 2011 Oceania Junior Championship Winners

Men's Singles	Sawan Serasinghe (Aus)
Women's Singles	Tara Pilven (Aus)
Men's Doubles	Matthew Chau & Sawan Serasinghe (Aus)
Women's Doubles	Victoria Cheng & Mary O'Connor (NZ)
Mixed Doubles	Maika Phillips & Mary O'Connor (NZ)

## 2011 Oceania Junior Team Championships [Roy Ward Cup]

1 <sup>st</sup>	New Zealand 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Australia 1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Australia 2
4 <sup>th</sup>	New Zealand 2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tahiti
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fiji

## 2011 Pacific Games Championships

### Men's Singles

Gold Medal	Marc-Antoine Desaymoz (New Cal)
Silver Medal	Arnaud Franzi (New Cal)
Bronze Medal	William Jannic (New Cal)

### Women's Singles

Gold Medal	Andra Whiteside (Fiji)
Silver Medal	Valerie Serangat (New Cal)
Bronze Medal	Johanna Kou (New Cal)

### Men's Doubles

Gold Medal	Arnaud Franzi & Fabien Kaddour (New Cal)
Silver Medal	Sebastien Arias & Marc-Antoine Desaymoz (New Cal)
Bronze Medal	Shivneil Chand & Burty Molia (Fiji)

### **Women's Doubles**

Gold Medal	Cecile Kaddour & Johanna Kou (New Cal)
Silver Medal	Andra Whiteside & Danielle Whiteside (Fiji)
Bronze Medal	Melissa Sanmoestanom & Valerie Sarengat (New Cal)

### **Mixed Doubles**

Gold Medal	Cecile Kaddour & William Jannic (New Cal)
Silver Medal	Johanna Kou & Marc-Antoine Desaymoz (New Cal)
Bronze Medal	Burty Molia & Andra Whiteside (Fiji)

### **2011 Pacific Games Team Championships**

1 <sup>st</sup>	New Caledonia
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fiji
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tahiti



# 2011 Oceania Circuit

## **2011 Li-Ning New Zealand International Challenge**

Men's Singles – Riichi Takeshita (Japan)  
Women's Singles – Sayaka Sato (Japan)  
Men's Doubles – Danny Bawa Chrisnanta/Hendra Wijaya (Singapore)  
Women's Doubles – Yuriko Miki/Koharu Yonemoto (Japan)  
Mixed Doubles – Danny Bawa Chrisnanta/Yu Yan Vanessa Neo (Singapore)

## **2011 Yonex Australian Open Grand Prix Gold**

Men's Singles – Sho Sasaki (Japan)  
Women's Singles – Xin (F) Liu (China)  
Men's Doubles – Hiroyuki Endo/Kenichi Hayakawa (Japan)  
Women's Doubles – Shizuka Matsuo/Mami Naito (Japan)  
Mixed Doubles – Songphon Anugritayawon/Kunchala Voravichitchaikul (Thailand)

## **2011 Fiji Open**

Men's Singles – Westley Caulkett (Australia)  
Women's Singles – Andra Whiteside (Fiji)  
Men's Doubles – Westley Caulkett/Raymond Tam (Australia)  
Women's Doubles – Cecile Kaddour/Johanna Kou (New Caledonia)  
Mixed Doubles – Brent Munday (Australia)/Ashleigh Karl (New Zealand)

## **2011 Li-Ning Sunlight Altona International**

Men's Singles – Yogendran Krishnan (Malaysia)  
Women's Singles – Karyn Cecelia Velez (USA)  
Men's Doubles – Ross Smith/Glen Warfe (Australia)  
Women's Doubles – Leanne Choo/Renuga Veeran (Australia)  
Mixed Doubles – Glen Warfe/Leanne Choo (Australia)

## **2011 Counties Manukau International**

Men's Singles – Yogendran Krishnan (Malaysia)  
Women's Singles – Karyn Cecelia Velez (USA)  
Men's Doubles – Daniel Shirley (New Zealand)/Andrew Smith (England)  
Women's Doubles – Doriana Riviera Aliaga/Madeleine Stapleton (New Zealand)  
Mixed Doubles – Daniel Shirley/Gabby Aves (New Zealand)



# 2011 Oceania Circuit Winners

Men's Singles – Michael Fowke (New Zealand)

Women's Singles - Victoria Na (Australia)

Men's Doubles – Oliver Leydon-Davis (New Zealand)

Women's Doubles – Renuga Veeran & Leanne Choo (Australia)

Mixed Doubles – Kevin Dennerly-Minturn & Stephanie Cheng (New Zealand)



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